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### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE IX,  
SECTION 8, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO LOCAL DEBT LIMITS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the  
2 Senate concurring:

3     1. Article IX, section 8, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be  
4 amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the  
5 Governor:

6         8. Local debt limits: assent of taxpayers

7         Section 8. (1) No county, city, town, school district,~~—~~  
8         or other municipal corporation shall for any purpose become  
9         indebted in any manner to an amount exceeding six per ~~centum~~  
10         CENT of the taxable property in such county, city, town, school  
11         district,~~—~~ or other municipal corporation, without the assent of  
12         a majority of the ~~property~~ ~~taxpayers, who must also in all~~  
13         ~~respects be~~ qualified electors,~~—~~ therein voting at an election  
14         provided by law to be held for that purpose. ~~—~~

15         (2) The value of the taxable property ~~therein to~~ SHALL be  
16         ascertained by the last PROPERTY TAX assessment. ~~for state and~~  
17         ~~county purposes, previous to incurring such indebtedness;~~  
18         ~~except, that in incorporated cities and towns assessments shall~~  
19         ~~be taken from the last assessment for city or town purposes;~~  
20         ~~provided, that~~

21         (3) Under no circumstances shall any county or school  
22         district become indebted to an amount exceeding fifteen per  
23         ~~centum~~ CENT of such taxable property, as shown by the last  
24         assessment roll. ~~thereof; and provided further, that~~

25         (4) Any incorporated city or town, with such assent, may  
26         be allowed to become indebted to a larger amount, but not  
27         exceeding twenty per ~~centum~~ CENT additional, for:

28             (a) Supplying such city or town with water, artificial  
29             light,~~—~~ or sewers, when the works for supplying such water,  
30             light,~~—~~ or sewers are or shall be owned and controlled by the  
31             municipality. ~~, and for~~

32             (b) The acquisition and development by the incorporated  
33             city or town of land or interests therein for open space  
34             preserves, parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities.

35             ~~(2)~~ (5) The provisions of section 18, subsections (3),  
36             (4), (5) and (6) of this article shall not apply to this  
37             section.

38         2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters  
39         at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of  
40         Arizona.